

The new year is now upon us, and the NEWS AND HERALD extends to its readers its best wishes. May you all be happy and enjoy peace and prosperity. The past year has not been without many troubles. In many homes in our county, its inmates have been called upon to mourn, but we trust that out of every sorrow there may be seen joy, and that affliction may in the end work good.

The past year has been a hard one, it is true. Cotton, our main support, the price of which measures our prosperity, has sold very low, but after all we are better off than those in Klondike surrounded by millions and millions of gold. None of us may have a great deal of money, but we should be thankful that there is no real suffering among us. What a fine record it is that no one in Fairfield ever starved! If there has ever been a case of starvation in the county because food could not be had, we have never heard of it. This state of affairs has prevailed so long, and we are so accustomed to it, that sometimes we fear that our people do not really appreciate the blessings of this country. We have been free from famine and plague, cyclones and pestilences.

With an honest effort, there is no one who can not make a reasonable support in Fairfield County. This is not true in many, many places. Our county is a great old county, and if we shall only treat her right she will repay us tenfold. We hope that the new year is full of blessings for the people of old Fairfield.

A few days ago we reproduced an article from the Mail, of Lowell, Mass., which for consummate cheek it would be hard to surpass. It proposed that the national government come to the rescue of New England manufacturers, because they were so far removed from the cotton fields, by putting them on equal footing with Southern mills. This is to be done by having uniform hours of labor throughout the country. New England now has a contempt for "the cheap negro" labor of the South, according to the Mail, although it fails to tell the truth that negroes are not employed in Southern mills. But it wants to be on equal footing with the South. New England is "anxious and willing" to raise the South to her own high standard, if we are to believe the Mail. A few days ago, we also published statistics to show that this same New England received from the national government more than it contributed, and that the South was annually paying much more than it received. If New England is then so "anxious and willing" to have every section placed on equal footing, why then does the Mail not advocate that the South shall receive its just proportion of what it contributes to the government?

At the conference of Indiana Republicans held in Indianapolis a few days ago, Senator Fairbanks expressed the belief "that the Dingley bill will prove a blessing and bring prosperity equalled only by the McKinley law itself." We have heard a great deal about the Dingley law and prosperity. Several times since the bill became a law, the Republican organs have tried to convince the country that prosperity had really come, but it was all a myth. Now we are promised prosperity after a while. But what kind of prosperity? Prosperity "equalled only by the McKinley law itself." Most of us want to be delivered from such prosperity. It was under this law that the panic of 1893 swept the country, and under this law that the treasury was almost depleted. We are glad that Senator Fairbanks has told the country the kind of prosperity which President McKinley promised. In truth, the Dingley law may prove a blessing. It may teach the people not to rely on the Republican party and its high tariffs for protection as a means of bringing prosperity.

TWENTY years ago we had hardly a graded school in the State—now we have 60 in the State—Columbia State. Winnsboro followed very close to Charleston by establishing the second graded school in the State.

Now wouldn't it be fun to have George Tillman and Ben Tillman in the race for governor? We do not look for it, but in fact we have had enough hot campaigns.

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WHAT ABOUT THE ROADS.

Omega Makes a Just Complaint that Nothing is Being Done.

Mr. Editor: Another year has ended and what has been done towards improving our public highways. Absolutely nothing, so far as I have seen but call meetings, elect presidents, vice presidents, secretaries and treasurers, pass resolutions and resolutions. If these things constituted building roads Fairfield would have the finest roads in the world, but they never did nor never will. They only serve as time wasters and relief valves. I fear as a people we are fast becoming theorists. We all have our pet theories, and it keeps us all busy nursing them so that there is no time for doing anything else. Now I know that the past year has been a very disastrous one to one and all, to the farmer especially and that was enough to kill all the energy that they had, but we are not any worse off than other counties, and yet they have gone ahead and done much towards having good roads besides other improvements. I refer to adjoining counties of Richland and Chester, the former has built I don't know how many miles of macadam road, and is still at work building more, while Chester on the other side has done the same besides boring an Artesian well and putting in a complete system of water works. I don't say we ought to have done all this, but only use it to prove what decision and energy will accomplish, they were convinced that these things were necessary to their prosperity and progress, and went to work and built them, now if they had done like we do, appoint a committee to make estimates as to cost, &c., who never made any estimate so far as any one outside of the committee knows, and I think it has been at least three or four years, why they never would have had water works, and the same as to Richland's macadamized roads, they saw that it was necessary to the welfare of the county and decided to have them and went to work to accomplish it, now suppose they had simply called meetings all over the county and elected presidents and vice-presidents, &c., why they too would to-day be knee-deep in mud, with everybody officers and no one to do the work, just like Fairfield is. What we need is men to decide what is for the best and go to work and do it. I have discussed this matter with men of experience and intelligence and they tell me that it is not practicable to macadamize all our roads; but that we can do the worst portion, which virtually decides the road that a team can pull. Then why not go to work and do that? We have a splendid nucleus in the chancery, all that is lacking in a competent civil engineer, and suitable machinery for road building. Surely we can afford to spend that much for so important and necessary as well as beneficial work. I think so if the proper men will take hold of the matter, with energy and determination and quit this foolish dilly-dallying and not let the year of our Lord 1898 pass by without some decided action in an enterprise so important, is the earnest hope of Omega.

NEWS FROM BUCKLE.

Christmas has been spent very quietly in our section. Old "Santy" made his appearance at two Christmas trees, but nothing else happened out of the usual order of things here. We have just learned that Mr. Stewart, of Longtown, met with quite a serious accident during the holidays. While out squirrel hunting he shot one side of his face off. Misses Hattie Boulware, Marion and Kate Mellichamp spent a part of their holidays with relatives in Winnsboro. They were very much missed during their absence. Mr. Elliott Mellichamp, from the Furman University, paid his uncle's family a short visit while at his home in Longtown on a little vacation. Mr. DeVolt, a young widower of our section, is being very much teased by his friends about a young lady with whom he seems to be regarding with very serious intentions. We wish Mr. DeVolt happy success. Mrs. T. E. Smith is still very well. Her many friends note with sadness that she improves very slowly. The popular Mr. Robert Halford is very much missed since his return home. We would be too glad to have him in our midst again. He was the backbone of our Sunday school, which will have to do unless some one else takes his place. Messrs. John Baker and John Gibson are busy building. Mr. Gibson has bought a nice tract of land adjoining Mr. P. C. Mellichamp's new place. The people are moving to where they expect to live this year. You can see new homes all over this river country, which is good evidence that the people are here to stay. There is not room here for all who wish to come. Everybody seems to be finding out that this is a fine section of country. Messrs. Jones and Hollis are putting up a new saw mill in our midst. "Se", young men, no excuse now for taking your wives home to live in a "castle-tumble down."

Bladder Troubles.

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GREENBRIER FARMERS ORGANIZE.

According to announcement, a large number of the most substantial farmers of Township No. 9 met at the Greenbrier academy for the purpose of organizing a cotton growers association. J. R. Curlee, township organizer, took the chair, and in a few words stated the object of the meeting. A temporary organization was perfected with the following officers: J. R. Curlee, president; W. A. Neil, 1st vice-president; Thos. Blair, 2nd vice-president; T. C. Leitner, secretary.

Dr. T. B. McKinstry moved that the temporary organization be made permanent. Carried. The president arose and urged the necessity of a thorough organization among the farmers, and requested each one present to give their views on the subject.

Dr. McKinstry was called upon, and responded in a very eloquent and instructive address. He strongly advocated the raising of home supplies, and thereby preventing us from rushing the cotton crop on the market as heretofore.

Thos. Blair stated that the time had come when it was necessary for the farmers to organize and strive to make the farm self-sustaining. T. W. Ruff was called on. He advocated a thorough organization among the farmers, but did not believe that they could control the cotton crop, from the fact that they had nothing to do with a large per cent of the crop. He urged all present to follow his example, raise plenty of corn and make the farm self-sustaining.

W. M. Curlee was called on and responded in a practical talk. He said that a thorough organization was necessary for our own protection. W. A. Neil addressed the meeting and pointed out very clearly the evils resulting from the cotton law. J. P. Loyles did not agree with Mr. Neil. He thought the law a good one, but acknowledged that it had been abused.

Several others present expressed themselves as being in sympathy with the organization. The following delegates were elected to represent this club at the convention to be held in Winnsboro on Monday: J. R. Curlee, W. A. Neil, T. B. McKinstry, Thos. Blair and T. W. Ruff. There being no other business the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the president. T. C. Leitner, Secretary. Dec. 31, 1897.

HEDGEWAX ITEMS.

Last Monday night the Baptist Sunday School of Hedgewax gave a Christmas tree in the church, which was quite a success. A very enjoyable feature of the evening was the music and recitations, which had been arranged by Miss Sallie Hartin. The exercises were conducted by the superintendent, Mr. C. P. Wray, and as it was so late in the Christmas that Santa Claus had returned to his home, Mr. J. M. Wilson consented to take his place. The occasion was a very enjoyable one, not only to the children, but to all present.

On Friday night quite a serious cutting affray occurred near the outskirts of the town. As Mr. John Morgan, a young white man from Longtown, was leaving here for his home he was hailed by three negroes and was dared to dismount. Upon doing so, one of the negroes, who seemed to be a little more under the spell of his own X than the other two, rushed up to him and quite a fierce scuffle followed. The result was that one of the negroes, Alf Brooks, was badly cut on the wrist, and in the neck and side, while Mr. Morgan had his cheek bone broken with a rock. Dr. Team got the negro together again after taking forty stitches, and both he and the white man seem to be doing very well. The whole affair was caused by too lively a celebration of Christmas.

Mr. Jno. L. Parker has made quite a success of raising fall chickens this year. He had, a few days ago, nearly a hundred frying size, but he is selling them off now.

Last Sunday Rev. A. R. Phillips preached his first sermon in the Methodist Church. His first impression was a good one, and his entire congregation is very much pleased with him. He moved his family up on Thursday. Ridge way has always been noted for its hospitality and the town extends a hearty welcome to our new brother and his family.

Misses Charlotte Allison, Annie Davis, Mary P. and Bessie McMaster, of Winnsboro, also Miss Bessie Thomas and Messrs. Pierre Edmonds and Charles Thomas, of Columbia, were present at the Lancaster-Thomson marriage yesterday.

Misses Edith Phillips, of Marion, and Lavell Pitts, of Lake Waccamaw, N. C., are visiting friends in town. Rev. A. H. Mitchell, of Columbia, came up yesterday to perform the marriage ceremony.

Mr. Jas. E. Parker and family, of Rock Hill, spent Christmas with their parents in town.

Dr. David Aiken, of Winnsboro, was in town yesterday.

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Tax Returns.

The Auditor's office will be open for receiving tax returns from January 1, 1898, to February 20, 1898. All real estate with improvements thereon must be returned as well as personal property. Parties liable to poll tax are required to make return of same. All male persons between the age of 21 and 60 years are liable to poll tax, unless otherwise exempt. Ex-Confederate soldiers who are 50 years of age are not liable to poll tax. Parties failing to make their returns within the above mentioned time will incur the 50 per cent penalty. Merchants will be furnished with blanks for the purpose of making their returns of mercantile business as per Section 229 Revised Statutes.

The Auditor or his deputy will be at the following places on the days specified; the balance of the time to February 20th in the Auditor's office: Albion, Monday, January 11. Buckhead, Tuesday, January 12. Welling, Wednesday, January 12. Crossville, Thursday, January 13. Woodward, Friday, January 14. White Oak, Saturday, January 15. Gladden's Grove, Monday, January 17.

Flint Hill, Tuesday, January 18. Longtown, Wednesday, January 19. Centerville, Thursday, January 20. M. L. Cooper's, Friday, January 21. Blytheville, Saturday, January 22. Ridge way, Monday, January 24. Horeb (Ruffs Store), Tuesday, January 25. Jenkinsville, Wednesday, January 26. Monticello, Thursday, January 27. J. L. RICHMOND, A. F. C. 12-18d

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